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**APPLICANT:** Karanikos et al.      **GROUP:** Unknown  
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**FOR:** BEVERAGE FILTER CARTRIDGE

**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examining this application on the merits, please add the following new claim 12:

12. A beverage filter cartridge comprising:

    a cup-shaped outer container having a side wall and a bottom; and

    a cup-shaped filter element having a side wall and a bottom; said filter element being arranged to subdivide the interior of said container into a first chamber inside said filter element and a second chamber located between the bottom of said filter element and the bottom of said container, said filter element having an upper rim joined to the container side wall at a peripheral juncture, and said filter side wall having exterior channels that face said container side wall and that lead downwardly from said peripheral juncture to said second chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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